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The Arabic presented in this phrase book is natural spoken Arabic with an Egyptian pronunciation. This is universally understood and will help you communicate throughout the Arab World.

1 Starting from *Ahlan*

Greetings

Hello!
أهلا!
ah-lan!

Good morning.
صباح الخير.
sa-baaH il-khayr.

Good evening.
مساء الخير.
mesa il-khayr.

Have a great day!
نهارك أبيض!
na-harak (na-harik) ab-yaD!

What's up?
إيه الأخبار؟
e-il-akh-bar?

Wherever it falls in a word, an Arabic "h" is pronounced like the first letter of the English word "hat." Try sounding out "hat" as if you were a small child learning to spell: "h-a-t." Then reverse the sounds and drop the "t," producing "a-h." This is the Arabic sound *ah* as in *ah-lan* (hello).

To help your pronunciation, the parts of the word that need to be emphasized are underlined; for example, *iz-zay, ta-maam*. Say these parts with more stress.

All good?
كله تمام؟
koll-o ta-maam?

Nothing much.
مافيش.
ma-feesh.

How are you? / How's it going?
إزي الحال؟
iz-zay il-Haal?

Great.
تمام.
ta-maam.

Really great!
آخر تمام!
aa-khir ta-maam.

Things are okay.
ماشي الحال.
maa-shee il-Haal.

I have a headache.
عندي صداع.
Aandee So-daA.

You got a fifty I can borrow?
معاك خمسين سلف؟
maA-aak (maA-aaki) kham-seen salaf?

How's all the family?
إزي الجماعة كلهم؟
iz-zay ig-gama-Aa koll-ohom?

How's your wife? / How are the kids?
إزي المدام / إزي الأولاد؟
iz-zay il-mad-dam? / iz-zay il-ow-laad?

They're all great. And you?
كلهم تمام. وانتوا؟
koll-ohom ta-maam. wen-too?

Goodbyes

Goodbye.
مع السلامة.
ma-Aas sa-laa-ma.

Bye.
سلام.
sa-laam.

See you tomorrow.
أشوفكوا بكرة.
ashoof-koo bukra.

See you later.
أشوفكوا بعدين.
ashoof-koo baA-dayn.

Take care.
خللي بالك.
khal-lee baa-lak (baa-lik).

An alternative in parentheses means that this is how the word should be pronounced both by and when speaking to a female. For example, "Take care" should be pronounced *khal-lee baa-lik*; and "Have a great day!" on page 1 is *na-harik ab-yaD!*

Till we meet again.
أشوفكوا على خير.
ashoof-koo aala khayr.

Good night.
تصبحوا على خير.
tisbaHoo aala khayr.

Sweet dreams.
أحلام سعيدة.
aH-laam saA-eeda.

It'll be better in the morning.
الصباح رباح.
iS-Sa-baaH ra-baaH.

Introductions

What's your name?
اسمك ايه؟
is-mak (is-mik) eh?

My name is _____.
اسمي _____.
is-mee _____.

My friends call me _____.
أصحابي بيسموني _____.
aS-Haa-bee bey-sam-moo-nee _____.

Pleased to meet you.
فرصة سعيدة.
forSa saA-eeda.

Wherever it falls in a word, an Arabic "s" is pronounced like the first letter of the English word "sit." Try not to let it slide to a "z" sound as we do in the English words "is" and "these." In Arabic words such as *is-mee* (my name), keep the "s" sound true as in the English word "this."

I've heard a lot about you.
سمعت عنك كثير.
sa-maAt aanak (aanik) kiteer.

It's been delightful.
أنا اتشرفت.
enat-shar-raft.

Lovely shoes.
حلوة الجزمة دي.
Hil-wa ig-gazma dee.

May I introduce _____.
أقدملك _____.
a'a-dim-lak (a'a-dim-lik) _____.

He's my friend. / She's my friend.
ده صديقي. / دي صديقتي.
dah Sadeeq-ee. / dee Sadiq-tee.

He's from _____. / She's from _____.
هو من _____. / هي من _____.
huw-wa min _____. / hey-ya min _____.

He's a friend of _____.
ده صديق _____.
dah Sadeeq _____.

She's a friend of _____.
دي صديقة _____.
dee Sadeeq-it _____.

They're with us for _____ days.
قاعدين معانا _____ يوم.
aA-deen ma-Aa-na _____ yom.

Do you speak English?
بتتكلم (بتتكلمي) انجليزي؟
btit-kal-lim (btit-kal-limee) ingleezee?

Your English is great!
الانجليزي بتاعك هايل!
il-ingleezee bit-ta-Aak (bit-ta-Aik) hay-yil!

I speak only a little Arabic.
باتكلم عربي خفيف.
bat-kal-lim Aarabee khafeef.

A capital "A" in the pronunciation is a deep gutteral "a" which sounds like it's coming from the stomach. Imagine you are trying to say "ah" at the dentist when the drill touches a nerve! The word Aarabee (Arabic) begins with this sound.

Getting Help

Can you help me?
ممكن تساعدني (تساعديني)؟
momkin tisa-Aid-nee (tisaA-dee-nee)?

Can you do me a favor?
ممكن تعمللي معروف؟
momkin tiA-mil-lee maA-roof?

Do you have any change, please?
معاك فكة من فضلك؟
maA-aak (maA-aaki) fakka min faDlak (faDlik)?

Would you keep an eye on ...
ممكن عينك على ...
momkin Aeye-nak (Aeye-nik) Aala ...

my bag, please?
شنطتي، من فضلك؟
shan-Tittee min faDlak (faDlik)?

my seat, please?
الكرسي، من فضلك؟
ik-korsee min faDlak (faDlik)?

Pleasantries

Thank you.
شكرا.
shok-ran.

Thank you very much.
ألف شكر.
elf shokr.

Don't mention it.
العفو.
il-Aaf-wu.

Don't worry about it.
ولا يهمك.
wa-laa yi-him-mak (yi-him-mik).

Excuse me.
لا مؤاخذة.
laa mo-aakh-za.

Sorry.
آسف (آسفة).
aasif (asfa).

Forgive me.
سامحني (سامحيني).
sa-miH-nee (sam-Hee-nee).

A capital "H" in the pronunciation represents a breathy "h" sound. Imagine you are saying "huh" while breathing on your glasses to clean them.

Asking

who?	مين؟	*meen?*
what?	إيه؟	*eh?*

when?	امتى؟	*imta?*
where?	فين؟	*fayn?*
why?	ليه؟	*leh?*
which?	أنهي؟	*anhee?*
how?	إزاي؟	*iz-zay?*
how much?	بكام؟	*bi-kaam?*
how many?	كام؟	*kaam?*

Answering

yes.	أيوه.	*aywah.*
no.	لأ.	*laa'a.*
maybe.	يمكن.	*yimkin.*
I don't know.	ماعرفش.	*ma-Aaraf-shi.*

An apostrophe in the pronunciation, as in laa'a (no) for example, represents a short break or glottal stop. This is the sound produced when you say "butter" while dropping the "tt" in the middle of the word.

Numbers

0	صفر	*Sifr*
1	واحد	*waaHid*
2	اتنين	*itnayn*
3	تلاتة	*talaata*
4	أربعة	*arba-Aa*
5	خمسة	*khamsa*
6	ستة	*sit-ta*

7	سبعة	*sab-Aa*
8	تمانية	*tamaan-ya*
9	تسعة	*tis-Aa*
10	عشرة	*Aash-ra*
11	حداشر	*Hid-ashar*
12	اتناشر	*it-nashar*
13	تلتاشر	*talat-tashar*
14	أربعتاشر	*arbaA-tashar*
15	خمستاشر	*khamas-tashar*
16	ستاشر	*sit-tashar*
17	سبعتاشر	*sabaA-tashar*
18	تمنتاشر	*taman-tashar*
19	تسعتاشر	*tisaA-tashar*
20	عشرين	*Aish-reen*
21	واحد وعشرين	*waaHid wi-Aish-reen*
22	اتنين وعشرين	*itnayn wi-Aish-reen*
30	تلاتين	*tala-teen*
40	أربعين	*arba-Aeen*
50	خمسين	*kham-seen*
60	ستين	*sit-teen*
70	سبعين	*sab-Aeen*
80	تمانين	*tama-neen*
90	تسعين	*tis-Aeen*
100	مية	*meyya*
200	ميتين	*mi-tayn*
500	خمسمية	*khumsu-meyya*
1,000	ألف	*elf*

10,000	عشر تلاف	*Aash-ar talaaf*
100,000	ميت ألف	*meet elf*
1,000,000	مليون	*milyon*
first	أول	*ow-wil*
second	تاني	*taanee*
third	تالت	*taalit*
fourth	رابع	*raa-biA*
fifth	خامس	*khaa-mis*
sixth	سادس	*saadis*
seventh	سابع	*saa-biA*
eighth	تامن	*taamin*
ninth	تاسع	*taa-siA*
tenth	عاشر	*Aash-ir*
a half	نص	*nuSS*
a third	تلت	*tilt*
a quarter	ربع	*rubA*

How old are you?
عندك كام سنة؟
Aan-dak (Aan-dik) kaam sana?

I'm [23] years old.
عندي [تلاتة وعشرين] سنة.
Aan-dee [talaata wi-Aish-reen] sana.

How much does this cost?
بكام ده (دي)؟
bi-kaam dah (dee)?

It costs [127] pounds.
بـ[مية سبعة وعشرين] جنيه.
bi [meyya sab-Aa wi-Aish-reen] gi-nayh.

Colors

white	أبيض	*ab-yaD*
pink	بمبة	*bamba*
purple	بنفسجي	*bnaf-si-gee*
red	أحمر	*aH-mar*
orange	برتقاني	*burtu-'aanee*
yellow	أصفر	*aS-far*
green	أخضر	*akh-Dar*
blue	أزرق	*az-ra'*
brown	بني	*bon-nee*
gray	رمادي	*ro-maadee*
black	أسود	*is-wid*

"kh" in the pronunciation represents a single Arabic sound. This is the sound made while clearing your throat, similar to the "ch" in the Yiddish "**ch**utzpah" or the German "Ba**ch**." Examples include *khamsa* (five) and *akh-Dar* (green).

Months and Seasons

January	يناير	*ya-naa-yir*
February	فبراير	*feb-raa-yir*
March	مارس	*maa-ris*
April	أبريل	*abreel*
May	مايو	*may-yo*
June	يونيو	*yoon-yo*

July	يوليو	*yool-yo*
August	أغسطس	*aghus-tus*
September	سبتمبر	*seb-tem-bir*
October	أكتوبر	*ok-toe-bir*
November	نوفمبر	*no-fem-bir*
December	ديسمبر	*dee-sem-bir*

spring	الربيع	*ir-ra-beeA*
summer	الصيف	*is-sayf*
fall / autumn	الخريف	*il-kha-reef*
winter	الشتا	*ish-shi-ta*

[three] months ago
من [تلات] شهور
min [tal-at] sho-hoor

last month
الشهر اللي فات
ish-shah-r illi faat

this month
الشهر ده
ish-shah-r dah

next month
الشهر الجاي
ish-shah-r ig-gayy

in [three] months
بعد [تلات] شهور
baAd [tal-at] sho-hoor

[three] years ago
من [تلات] سنين
min [tal-at] sineen

last year
السنة اللي فاتت
is-sana illi faat-it

this year
السنة دي
is-sana dee

next year
السنة الجاية
is-sana ig-gay-ya

in [three] years
بعد [تلات] سنين
baAd [tal-at] sineen

Days and Weeks

Monday	الاتنين	*il-itnayn*
Tuesday	التلات	*it-talaat*
Wednesday	الأربع	*il-arbaA*
Thursday	الخميس	*il-khamees*
Friday	الجمعة	*ig-gomAa*
Saturday	السبت	*is-sabt*
Sunday	الحد	*il-Hadd*

[three] days ago
من [تلت] أيام
min [talat] tay-yaam

the day before yesterday
أول امبارح
ow-wil im-baariH

yesterday
امبارح
im-baariH

today
النهاردة
in-nahaar-da

tomorrow
بكرة
bukra

the day after tomorrow
بعد بكرة
baAd bukra

in [three] days
بعد [تلت] أيام
baAd [tal-at] tay-yaam

weekend
آخر الأسبوع
aa-khir il-usboo-A

last [Monday]
[الاتنين] اللي فات
[il-itnayn] illi faat

this [Monday]
[الاتنين] ده
[il-itnayn] dah

next [Monday]
[الاتنين] الجاي
[il-itnayn] ig-gayy

What day is it today?
النهاردة إيه؟
in-nahaar-da eh?

What's today's date?
تاريخ النهاردة إيه؟
ta-reekh in-nahaar-da eh?

September 16th.
ستاشر سبتمبر.
sit-tAashar seb-tem-bir.

Today is the [16th].
النهاردة [ستاشر].
in-nahaar-da [sit-tAashar].

two weeks ago
من أسبوعين
min usboo-Aayn

last week
الأسبوع اللي فات
il-usboo-A illi faat

this week
الأسبوع ده
il-usboo-A dah

next week
الأسبوع الجاي
il-usboo-A ig-gayy

in two weeks
بعد أسبوعين
baAd usboo-Aayn

Telling Time

Excuse me, what time is it?
الساعة كام من فضلك؟
is-saa-Aa kaam min faDlak (faDlik)?

It's ...
الساعة ...
is-saa-Aa ...

9:00 [in the morning].
تسعة (الصبح).
tis-Aa [iS-SobH].

3:00 [in the afternoon].
تلاتة (بعد الضهر).
talaata [baAd iD-Duh-r].

11:00 [in the evening].
حداشر (بالليل).
Hid-ashar [bil-layl].

4:00.
أربعة.
arba-Aa.

4:05.
أربعة وخمسة.
arba-Aa wi-khamsa.

4:15 (quarter past 4).
أربعة وربع.
arba-Aa wi-rubA.

4:20.
أربعة وتلت.
arba-Aa wi-tilt.

6:30 (half past 6).
ستة ونص.
sit-ta wi-nuSS.

6:35 (twenty-five to 7).
ستة ونص وخمسة.
sit-ta wi-nuSS wi-khamsa.

6:45 (quarter to 7).
سبعة إلا ربع.
sab-Aa illa rubA.

6:55 (five to 7).
سبعة إلا خمسة.
sab-Aa illa khamsa.

in the morning
الصبح
iS-SobH

midday
الضهر
iD-Duh-r

in the afternoon
بعد الضهر
baAd iD-Duh-r

in the evening
بالليل
bil-layl

two days ago
من يومين
min yomayn

tomorrow night
بكرة بالليل
bukra bil-layl

The three capital letters "D," "T" and "S" in the pronunciation represent "back" versions of these sounds. The contrast is similar to the different initial sounds when you say the English words "till," "dig" and "sip" (with your tongue close to your teeth), compared to "toll," "dog" and "sop" (with your tongue further back in your mouth). Try it yourself.

How long will it take?
حياخد (حتاخد) وقت قد إيه؟
Ha-yakhud (Ha-takhud) wa't 'addi eh?

An hour.
ساعة.
saa-Aa.

A couple of hours.
ساعتين.
saA-tayn.

Half an hour.
نص ساعة.
nuSSi saa-Aa.

Ten minutes.
عشر دقايق.
Aashar da-'aay-i'.

before
قبل
abl

after
بعد
baAd

a couple of hours ago
من ساعتين
min saA-tayn

in a couple of hours
بعد ساعتين
baAd saA-tayn

a couple of hours later
بعدها بساعتين
baAda-haa bi-saA-tayn

a couple of hours before
قبلها بساعتين
abla-haa bi-saA-tayn

I'll see you ...
أشوفكوا ...
ashuf-koo ...

tomorrow morning.
بكرة الصبح.
bukra iS-SobH.

[Thursday] night.
يوم [الخميس] بالليل.
yom [il-khamees] bil-layl.

every day
كل يوم
koll-i yom

forever
على طول
Aala Tool

always
دايما
dayman

sometimes
ساعات
saA-aat

never
أبدا
aba-dan

2 Getting There

Tickets

a ... ticket
تذكرة ...
taz-kara ...

one-way
رايح بس
raayiн bas

round-trip
رايح جاي
raayiн gayy

student
لطالب
li-taa-lib

cheap
رخيصة
ri-kheeSa

economy / coach class
درجة سياحية
daraga siyya-нeyya

business class
درجة رجال أعمال
daragit rigaal aA-maal

first class
درجة أولى
daraga oola

ticket counter
شباك تذاكر
shib-baak tazaa-kir

discount
تخفيض
takh-feeD

A round-trip ticket to [Aswan], please.
تذكرة لـ[أسوان] رايح جاي من فضلك.
taz-kara li-[as-waan] raayiH gayy, min faDlak (faDlik).

We want to ...
عاوزين ...
AAw-zeen ...

change our tickets.
نغيير التذاكر.
ni-ghay-yar it-tazaa-kir.

return our tickets.
نرجع التذاكر.
ni-rag-gaA it-tazaa-kir.

"gh" in the pronunciation represents a single Arabic sound. This is a little like the sound you make while gargling in the back of your throat, or imitating the noise made by a small motorcycle. Examples include the word *ghurfa* (room) and *ni-ghay-yar* (we change).

We lost our tickets.
تذاكرنا ضاعت.
tazaa-kirna Daa-Ait.

We want our money back.
عاوزين نسترد فلوسنا.
AAw-zeen nista-ridd filos-na.

Making Reservations

I'm staying in / at ...
أنا نازل (نازلة) في ...
ena naazil (nazla) fee...

a hotel.
فندق.
fondu'.

a boarding house.
بنسيون.
bens-yon.

a tourist village.
قرية سياحية.
qarya siyya-Heyya.

a youth hostel.
بيت الشباب.
bayt ish-shab-baab.

a beach campsite.
مخيم على الشاطئ.
mo-khay-yam AAlash shaa-Ti'.

an oasis.
واحة.
waa-Ha.

a friend's house.
بيت واحد صاحبي.
bayt waaHid SaH-bee.

Don't forget about the special Arabic sounds represented by the capital letters in the pronunciation. See pages 6, 7 and 17 to remind yourself.

I'd like to make a reservation ...
عاوز (عاوزة) أحجز ...
AA-wiz (AAw-za) aH-giz ...

for one night.
ليلة واحدة.
layla waHda.

for two nights.
ليلتين.
layl-tayn.

for three nights.
تلات ليالي.
talat la-yaalee.

for a week.
أسبوع.
usboo-A.

for one person.
لشخص واحد.
li-shakhS waaHid.

for two people.
لشخصين.
li-shakh-Sayn.

We are two girls.
إحنا بنتين.
iHna bintayn.

We are two guys.
إحنا ولدين.
iHna waladayn.

We are together.
إحنا مع بعض.
iHna ma-AA baAD.

Do you take cards?
بتأخذوا كروت؟
bi-takh-doo kuroot?

How much is a room ...
كام سعر الغرفة ...
kaam siAr il-ghurfa ...

for one person?
لشخص واحد؟
li-shakhS waaHid?

for two people?
لشخصين؟
li-shakh-Sayn?

with a bathroom?
مع حمام؟
ma-AA HAm-maam?

on the sea front?
على البحر؟
AAlal baHr?

Does the room have ...
الغرفة فيها ...
il-ghurfa fee-haa ...

a TV?
تليفزيون؟
tili-fizyon?

air conditioning?
تكييف؟
tak-yeef?

a refrigerator?
ثلاجة؟
tal-laa-ga?

a balcony?
بلكونة؟
bala-kona?

Wi-Fi?
واي فاي؟
wi-fi?

May I have ...
ممكن اطلب ...
momkin aтlub ...

an extra bed?
سرير إضافي؟
si-reer iDaa-fee?

some mosquito repellant?
مبيد للناموس؟
mo-beed lin-naa-moos?

men	رجال	*rigaal*
women	سيدات	*say-yi-daat*
mixed	مختلط	*mokh-talaт*

Do you have ...
عندكم ...
Aandu-kum ...

sheets?
ملايات؟
mila-yaat?

blankets?
بطاطين؟
baтaa-тeen?

towels?
فوط؟
fu-waт?

soap and shampoo?
صابون وشامبو؟
saboon wi-shamboo?

Is there ...
فيه هنا ...
feeh hina ...

a swimming pool?
حمام سباحة؟
Ham-maam sibaa-Ha?

a gym?
صالة جيم؟
Saalit jim?

a kitchen?
مطبخ؟
muт-bakh?

What are the hours for ...
ايه مواعيد ...
eh mawa-Aeed ...

entering the room?
دخول الغرفة؟
dukhool il-ghurfa?

vacating the room?
مغادرة الغرفة؟
mo-ghad-rit il-ghurfa?

Do I have to leave the key here?
لازم أسيب المفتاح هنا؟
laazim aseeb il-mof-taaH hina?

Can I leave my luggage here for the day?
ممكن أسيب شنطي هنا طول النهار؟
momkin aseeb shona-Tee hina Tool in-nahaar?

Can you give me directions ...
ممكن تدلني على الطريق ...
momkin tidil-linee AalaT Taree' ...

from the airport?
من المطار؟
min il-maTaar?

from the train station?
من محطة القطر؟
min maHaT-Tit il-aTr?

from the bus station?
من موقف الأوتوبيس؟
min mow'af il-otobees?

In Transit

I'm going ...
أنا رايح (رايحة) ...
ana raayiH (ray-Ha) ...

by airplane.
بالطيارة.
biT-Tay-yaara.

by train / rail.
بالقطر.
bil-aTr.

by subway.
بالمترو.
bil-metro.

by bus / coach.
بالأوتوبيس.
bil-otobees.

by taxi.
بتاكسي.
bi-taxi.

by bicycle.
بالعجلة.
bil-Aag-ala.

on horseback.
بالحصان.
bil-Hu-Saan.

on foot.
ماشي.
maa-shee.

with my friends.
مع أصحابي.
ma-Aa aS-Haabee.

with my dad and mom.
مع أبويا وأمي.
ma-Aa aboo-ya wi-om-mee.

with the group.
مع الفوج.
ma-Aal fawg.

alone.
وحدي
waHdee.

Air Travel

flight
رحلة طيران
riHlit taya-raan

airport
مطار
maTaar

airline
شركة طيران
sher-kit taya-raan

international flight
رحلة طيران دولي
riHlit taya-raan dawlee

domestic flight
رحلة طيران داخلي
riHlit taya-raan dakhlee

delay
تأخير
ta'-kheer

ticket
تذكرة
taz-kara

pilot
كابتن
kabtin

flight attendant
مضيف (مضيفة)
moDeef (moDeefa)

The alternative in parentheses refers to a female.
See page 3.

Where is / are the ...
فين ...
fayn ...

check-in counter?
مكتب التسجيل؟
mektab it-tas-geel?

departure hall?
صالة السفر؟
Saalit is-safar?

arrivals hall?
صالة الوصول؟
Saalit il-woSool?

gate?
البوابة؟
il-baw-waa-ba?

baggage hall?
صالة الشنط؟
Saalit ish-shonaT?

lost-and-found office?
مكتب المفقودات؟
mektab il-maf-qoodaat?

bar and restaurant?
البار والمطعم؟
il-bar wil-maT-Aam?

I'm on the flight to [Luxor].
أنا على رحلة [الأقصر].
ena Aala riHlit [luq-Sur].

When's the flight to [Tunisia]?
امتى رحلة [تونس]؟
imta riHlit [toonis]?

From which gate?
من أي بوابة؟
min ayyi baw-waa-ba?

I have two large bags.
معايا شنطتين كبار.
ma-Aaya shanTa-tayn kubaar.

I only have a shoulder bag.
معايا شنطة كتف بس.
ma-Aaya shanTit kitf bas.

Where's the boarding pass.
فين بطاقة الصعود؟
fayn biTaa'it iS-So-Aood?

Is the flight ...
الرحلة ...
ir-riHla ...

on time?	في ميعادها؟	*fee mee-Aad-haa?*
early?	بدري؟	*badree?*
late?	متأخرة؟	*mit-akh-khara?*
canceled?	اتلغت؟	*it-laghit?*
crowded?	زحمة؟	*zaHma?*

My ticket is ...
أنا تذكرتي ...
ena taz-kartee ...

first class.
درجة أولى.
daraga oola.

business class.
درجة رجال أعمال.
dara-git rigaal aA-maal.

economy / coach.
درجة سياحية.
daraga siyya-Heyya.

an aisle seat.
كرسي على الممر.
kursee Aalal mamarr.

a window seat.
كرسي جنب الشباك.
kursee ganb ish-shib-baak.

the bathroom.
الحمام.
il-Ham-maam.

My bags are ...
شنطي ...
sho-naTee ...

missing.
مش موجودة.
mish mow-goo-da.

damaged.
تلفانة.
tal-faana.

heavy.
تقيلة.
ti-'eela.

Remember that "kh" and "gh" in the pronunciation represent single Arabic sounds. See pages 11 and 22.

Train Travel

train
قطر
aTT

tracks
قضبان
quD-baan

baggage locker
صندوق شنط
San-doo' shonaT

passenger compartment
مقصورة الركاب
ma'-Soorit ir-rok-kaab

dining car
مقصورة المطعم
ma'-Soorit il-maTAam

Where is the train station?
فين محطة القطر؟
fayn maHaT-Tit il-aTT?

I have a reservation on the train to [Alexandria].
أنا حاجز (حاجزة) في قطر [اسكندرية].
ena Haagiz (Hagza) fee aTT [isken-de-reyya].

When's the train to [Cairo]?
امتي قطر [القاهرة}؟
imta aTT [il-qaa-hira]?

From which platform?
من أي رصيف؟
min ayyi raSeef?

I'd like a ticket ...
عاوز (عاوزة) تذكرة ...
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) taz-kara ...

returning the same day.
رايح جاي في نفس اليوم.
raayiH gayy fee nafs il-yom.

returning in a couple of days.
رايح، وراجع بعد يومين.
raayiH, wi-raa-giA baAd yomayn.

open return within a month.
رجوع مفتوح لمدة شهر.
ro-gooA maf-tooH li-mod-dit shahr.

We want ...
عاوزين ...
Aaw-zeen ...

two tickets in the sleeping car.
تذكرتين في عربية النوم.
taz-kar-tayn fee Aarabey-yit in-nome.

four tickets in the sleeping car.
أربع تذاكر في عربية النوم.
ar-baA tazaa-kir fee Aarabey-yit in-nome.

three seats next to each other.
تلات كراسي جنب بعض.
talat ka-raasee ganb baAD.

some pillows.
مخدات.
mi-khad-daat.

some blankets.
بطاطين.
baTa-Teen.

Bus Travel

Where is the bus station?
فين محطة الأوتوبيس؟
fayn maнat-tit il-otobees?

Do I need a reservation?
محتاج (محتاجة) حجز؟
miн-taag (miн-taaga) нagz?

Can you turn up the air conditioning, please?
ممكن ترفع التكييف من فضلك؟
momkin tir-faA it-tak-yeef min faDlak?

Can you turn down the air conditioning, please?
ممكن تخفف التكييف من فضلك؟
momkin ti-khaf-fif it-tak-yeef min faDlak?

Is there long left?
فاضل كتير؟
faaDil kiteer?

Are we there yet?
إحنا وصلنا؟
iнna wa-Salna?

Passport and Customs

passport
جواز سفر
gawaaz safar

visa
تأشيرة
ta'-sheera

ID card
بطاقة شخصية
bi-taa'a shakh-Seyya

driver's license
رخصة قيادة
rukh-Sit qi-yaada

customs
جمارك
ga-maarik

customs declaration
إقرار جمركي
iq-raar gum-rukee

business trip
زيارة عمل
zi-yaarit Aamal

tourist trip
رحلة سياحية
riнla siya-нeyya

I'm American.
أنا أمريكي (أمريكية).
ena amree-kee (amree-keyya).

I lost my passport.
جوازي ضاع.
gawaazee DaaA.

I plan to stay for [one month].
ناوي (ناوية) أقعد [شهر].
naa-wee (naw-ya) a'-Aud [shahr].

I have business interests here.
ليا مصالح وأعمال هنا.
ley-ya ma-Saa-liн wi-Aa-maal hina.

I am visiting the American University.
أنا في زيارة للجامعة الأمريكية.
ena fee zi-yaara lig-gam-Aa il-amree-keyya.

I study Egyptology.
أنا بأدرس علم المصريات.
ena bad-rus Ailm il-musrey-yaat.

I'm in the oil business.
أنا باشتغل في مجال البترول.
ena bash-taghal fee magaal il-bet-roll.

I'm on a quick visit.
أنا في زيارة سريعة.
ena fee zi-yaara sa-ree-Aa.

I have nothing to declare.
مافيش معايا ممنوعات.
ma-feesh ma-Aaya mam-noo-Aaat.

Countries and Nationalities

Britain / British
بريطانيا / بريطاني(ة)
biri-Taan-ya / biri-Taan-ee (biri-Taan-eyya)

America / American
أمريكا / أمريكي(ة)
amree-ka / amree-kee (amree-keyya)

Canada / Canadian
كندا / كندي(ة)
kana-da / kana-dee (kana-deyya)

Australia / Australian
استراليا / استرالي(ة)
osto-raal-ya / osto-raa-lee (osto-ra-leyya)

New Zealand / Kiwi
نيوزيلاندا / نيوزيلاندي(ة)
nyoo zee-lan-da / nyoo zee-lan-dee (nyoo zee-lan-deyya)

Egypt / Egyptian
مصر / مصري(ة)
muSr / muS-ree (muS-reyya)

Tunisia / Tunisian
تونس / تونسي(ة)
toonis / tun-see (tu-ne-seyya)

Morocco / Moroccan
المغرب / مغرب(ة)
il-maghrib / maghri-bee (maghri-beyya)

Emirates / Emirati
الإمارات / إماراتي(ة)
il-ima-raat / ima-raatee (ima-raateyya)

France / French
فرنسا / فرنساوي(ة)
faran-sa / faran-sa-wee (faran-sa-weyya)

Spain / Spanish
أسبانيا / أسباني(ة)
espan-ya / espan-ee (espan-eyya)

Portugal / Portuguese
البرتغال / برتغالي(ة)
il-burtu-ghaal / burtu-ghaal-ee (burtu-ghaal-eyya)

Italy / Italian
ايطاليا / ايطالي(ة)
ee-Taal-ya / ee-Taa-lee (ee-Taa-leyya)

Greece / Greek
اليونان / يوناني(ة)
il-yoo-naan / yoo-naa-nee (yoo-naa-neyya)

Germany / German
ألمانيا / ألماني(ة)
al-man-ya / al-man-ee (al-ma-neyya)

Switzerland / Swiss
سويسرا / سويسري(ة)
swiss-ra / swiss-ree (swiss-reyya)

Russia / Russian
روسيا / روسي(ة)
roos-ya / roo-see (roo-seyya)

China / Chinese
الصين / صيني(ة)
is-seen / seenee (see-neyya)

India / Indian
الهند / هندي(ة)
il-hind / hindee (hin-deyya)

Korea / Korean
كوريا / كوري(ة)
ko-reeya / ko-ree (ko-reyya)

Japan / Japanese
اليابان / ياباني(ة)
il-yaa-baan / yaa-baa-nee (yaa-baa-neyya)

Mexico / Mexico
المكسيك / مكسيكي(ة)
il-mak-seek / mak-see-kee (mak-see-keyya)

Brazil / Brazilian
البرازيل / برازيلي(ة)
il-bara-zeel / bara-zee-lee (bara-zee-leyya)

Argentina / Argentine
الأرجنتين / أرجنتيني(ة)
il-arjen-teen / arjen-tee-nee (arjen-tee-neyya)

3 Settling In

Checking In

reception
الاستقبال
il-is-tiq-baal

check-in
تسجيل الدخول
tas-geel id-do-khool

check-out
تسجيل الخروج
tas-geel il-kho-roog

deposit
مقدم
mu-'ad-dam

key
مفتاح
muf-taah

keycard
كارت مفتاح
kart muf-taah

Do I need a reservation?
أنا محتاج (محتاجة) حجز؟
ena miH-taag (miH-taaga) Hagz?

I'd like to check in.
عاوز (عاوزة) أسجل الدخول.
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) aS-sag-gil id-do-khool.

I have a reservation for two weeks.
عندي حجز لأسبوعين.
Aandee Hagz li-usboo-Aayn.

Can I change my reservation?
ممكن أغير الحجز؟
momkin aghay-yar il-Hagz?

Is there an elevator?
فيه أسانسير؟
feeh asan-seyr?

Can you help me with the bags?
ممكن تساعدني في الشنط؟
momkin tisaa-Aid-nee fish-shonaT?

Can I have an extra key?
ممكن مفتاح زيادة؟
momkin muf-taaH ziyaa-da?

This is a tip. Thanks.
دي إكرامية، شكرا.
dee ikra-meyya, shok-ran.

My room ...
غرفتي ...
ghur-fitee ...

is small.
صغيرة.
Su-ghay-yara.

needs cleaning.
محتاجة نظافة.
miH-taaga na-Daafa.

is hot.
حر.
Harr.

is cold.
برد.
bard.

is great.
هايلة.
hay-la.

has ants.
فيها نمل.
feehaa naml.

May I have new sheets?
ممكن ملايات جديدة؟
momkin mila-yaat gi-deeda?

I have a problem with ....
عندي مشكلة في ...
Aandee mush-kila fee ...

the light switch.
النور.
in-noor.

the Wi-Fi.
الواي فاي.
il-wi-fi.

the TV.
التليفزيون.
it-tili-fizyon.

the sink.
الحوض.
il-HoDe.

the shower.
الدش.
id-dush.

the refrigerator.
الثلاجة.
it-tal-laa-ga.

the air conditioning.
التكييف.
it-tak-yeef.

the heater.
الدفاية.
id-da-faaya.

the toilet.
التواليت.
it-twaa-let.

the bathtub.
البانيو.
il-ban-yo.

What is the phone number here?
نمرة التليفون هنا كام؟
nim-rit it-ti-lee-fon hina kaam?

Are there any messages for me?
فيه رسايل ليا؟
feeh ra-saa-yil liya?

I'm in room [10].
أنا في غرفة [١٠].
ena fee ghur-fa [Aash-ra].

I lost the key to my room.
مفتاح الغرفة ضاع مني.
muf-taaH il-ghurfa DaaA min-nee.

What time is breakfast?
الفطار الساعة كام؟
il-fiTaar is-saa-Aa kaam?

Is there someone here all night?
فيه حد هنا طول الليل؟
feeh Hadd hina Tool il-layl?

Can I come back real late?
ممكن أرجع متأخر؟
momkin ar-gaA mit-akh-khar?

May I have a wake-up call?
ممكن مكالمة تصحيني؟
momkin muk-al-ma tiSaH-Hee-nee?

Let me in!
عاوز (عاوزة) أدخل!
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ad-khul!

Relief!

toilet
التواليت
it-twaa-let

sink
الحوض
il-HoDe

toilet paper
ورق التواليت
wa-ra' it-twaa-let

Remember that the parts of a word that need to be emphasized are underlined in the pronunciation. See page 2 for more details.

Where's the ...
فين ...
fayn ...

bathroom?
الحمام؟
il-ʜam-maam?

ladies' bathroom?
حمام السيدات؟
ʜam-maam is-say-yi-daat?

men's bathroom?
حمام الرجال؟
ʜam-maam ir-rigaal?

This isn't working.
ده مش شغال.
dah mish shagh-ghaal.

It won't flush.
السيفون مش شغال.
is-see-fon mish shagh-ghaal.

It needs cleaning.
محتاج نظافة.
miʜtaag na-ɒaafa.

It's blocked.
ده مسدود.
dah mas-dood.

Orientation

north	شمال	*sha-maal*
south	جنوب	*ga-noob*
east	شرق	*sharq*
west	غرب	*gharb*

city map
خريطة المدينة
kha-reeтit il-ma-deena

I'm lost.
أنا تهت.
ena tuht.

Can you tell me how to get to ...
ممكن تدلوني على ...
momkin ti-dil-loonee ʌala ...

Where is ...
فين ...
fayn ...

the tourist office?
مكتب السياحة؟
mektab is-siy-yaaʜa?

the nearest restaurant?
أقرب مطعم؟
a'-rab maт-ʌam?

the post office?
مكتب البريد؟
mektab il-bareed?

the police station?
قسم البوليس؟
ism il-bolees?

the center of town?
وسط المدينة؟
wusт il-ma-deena?

Can you tell me how to get there?
ممكن تدلوني على السكة؟
momkin ti-dil-loonee ʌalas sik-ka?

Which way do I go?
أمشي ازاي؟
am-shee iz-zaay?

Turn ...
خذ (خذي) ...
khud (khudee) ...

left ...
شمال ...
shimaal ...

right ...
يمين ...
yimeen ...

at the next corner.
الناصية الجاية.
in-naS-ya ig-gayy-ya.

at the next street.
الشارع الجاي.
ish-shaa-riA ig-gayy.

Go straight ahead.
امشي دوغري.
imshee dogh-ree.

Go on here.
على طول هنا.
Aala Tool hina.

Cross the street.
عدي الشارع.
Aad-dee ish-shaa-riA.

Am I going the right way?
أنا ماشي (ماشية) صح كده؟
ena maa-shee (mash-ya) saHH kida?

You're going the wrong way.
أنت ماشي (ماشية) غلط.
enta maa-shee (enti mash-ya) ghalaT.

Do you have a map?
معاك خريطة؟
maA-aak (maA-aaki) kha-reeTa?

Can you guide us to ...
ممكن تدلونا على...
momkin ti-dil-loona Aala ...

a place to eat?
مكان نأكل فيه؟
ma-kaan na'-kul feeh?

a place to sleep?
مكان ننام فيه؟
ma-kaan ni-naam feeh?

an Internet café?
انترنت كافيه؟
internet kafeh?

a restaurant that's always open?
مطعم فاتح على طول؟
maT-aam faa-tiH Aala Tool?

a bar?
بار؟
bar?

a dance club? / disco?
ديسكو؟
disco?

English words such as "disco" and "Internet" have entered spoken Arabic. You can pronounce these as you would in English and be perfectly understood.

Local Transportation

Where's the nearest bus stop?
فين أقرب محطة أوتوبيس؟
fayn a'-rab ma-HAT-Tit otobees?

Where can I catch the bus to the [museum]?
آخذ أوتوبيس للـ[متحف] منين؟
aa-khud otobees lil-[met-Haf] minayn?

Do you stop at [the tower]?
بتقف عند [البرج]؟
bi-tu'-af Aand [il-burg]?

Do you have a map of the bus routes?
عندكم خريطة لخطوط الأوتوبيس؟
Aand-ukum kha-reeTa li-khu-TooT il-otobees?

What's the fare?
التذكرة بكام؟
it-taz-kara bi-kaam?

Where's the nearest subway stop?
فين أقرب محطة مترو؟
fayn a'-rab ma-HAT-Tit metro?

I need ...
أنا عاوز (عاوزة) ...
ena Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ...

a ticket.
تذكرة.
taz-kara.

a day pass.
كارنيه ليوم واحد.
kar-neh li-yom waaHid.

a weekly pass.
كارنيه لمدة أسبوع.
kar-neh li-mod-dit us-booA.

subway map
خريطة للمترو
kha-reeTa lil-metro

transfer
تغيير الخط
tagh-yeer il-khaTT

the [airport] line
خط [المطار]
khaTT [il-ma-Taar]

Where do I get off?
أنزل فين؟
an-zil fayn?

At the next stop.
المحطة الجاية.
il-ma-HAT-Ta ig-gay-ya.

After two stops.
بعد محطتين.
baAd ma-HATTi-tayn.

Remember that an Arabic "h" (or its breathy equivalent "H") is pronounced the same whether it is at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of a word. See page 1 for more details.

Where can I catch a taxi?
آخذ تاكسي منين؟
aa-khud taksee minayn?

How much is a taxi to the [pyramids]?
بكام التاكسي للـ[أهرام]؟
bi-kaam it-taksee lil-[ahraam]?

What's the fare?
الأجرة كام؟
il-ugra kaam?

Please turn the meter on.
شغل العداد من فضلك.
shagh-ghal il-Aad-daad min fadlak.

No, that's a little too much.
لا، كثير شوية.
laa, kiteer shu-way-ya.

4 Eating and Drinking

I'm hungry.
أنا جعان (جعانة).
ena ga-Aaan (ga-Aaana).

I'm thirsty.
أنا عطشان (عطشانة).
ena AT-shaan (AT-shaana).

I'm starving.
أنا حاموت من الجوع.
ena Ha-moot min ig-gooA.

I need to eat.
لازم آكل.
laazim aa-kul.

I could eat a horse ["eat a whole cow"].
أنا ممكن آكل بقرة كاملة.
ena momkin aa-kul ba-'ara kam-la.

I want to drink something.
عاوز (عاوزة) أشرب حاجة.
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ash-rab Haa-ga.

Oh! For a glass of [tea].
يا سلام على كباية [شاي].
yaa salaam Aala ku-bay-yit [shaay].

Meals

breakfast	الفطار	*il-fṭaar*
lunch	الغدا	*il-ghada*
dinner	العشا	*il-Aasha*
snack	تصبيرة	*taS-beera*

All-Day Dishes

salad	سلطة	*sa-laṭa*
soup	شوربة	*shor-ba*
a plate of beans	طبق فول	*ṭaba' fool*
a plate of falafel	طبق فلافل	*ṭaba' fa-laa-fil*

Utensils

fork	شوكة	*shoka*
knife	سكينة	*sik-keena*
spoon	معلقة	*maA-la'a*
plate	طبق	*ṭaba'*
cup	فنجان	*fin-gaan*
glass	كباية	*ku-bay-ya*

Going Out to Eat

Can you guide me to a ...
ممكن تدلني على ...
momkin ti-dil-loonee Aala ...

restaurant?	مطعم؟	*maṭ-Aam?*
coffee shop?	قهوة؟	*ah-wa?*
cafeteria?	كافيتريا؟	*kafi-tirya?*

Is this restaurant ...
المطعم ده ...
il-maṭ-Aam dah ...

expensive?
غالي؟
ghaa-lee?

near here?
قريب؟
uray-yib?

What do they cook?
بيطبخوا إيه؟
bi-yuṭ-bukh-oo eh?

Do they have vegetarian food?
فيه أكل نباتي؟
feeh akl na-baatee?

Can they take a big group?
ممكن ياخذ ناس كتير؟
momkin ya-khud naas kiteer?

Do we need a reservation?
محتاجين حجز؟
miH-taa-geen Hagz?

Is it open late?
فاتح متأخر؟
faa-tiH mit-akh-khar?

We're in a bit of a hurry.
إحنا مستعجلين شوية.
iHna mis-taA-gileen shu-way-ya.

We'd like a table for [four].
عاوزين ترابيزة لـ(أربعة).
AAw-zeen tara-bey-za li [arba-AA].

Will we wait a long time?
حنستنى كتير؟
Ha-nis-tana kiteer?

We have a reservation.
عندنا حجز.
AAn-dina Hagz.

non-smoking section
قسم بدون تدخين
ism bidoon tad-kheen

My friends will be here ...
أصحابي حيوصلوا ...
aS-HaAbee Ha-yo-saloo ...

soon.
بعد شوية.
baAd shu-way-ya.

in [ten] minutes.
بعد [عشر] دقايق.
baAd AAshar da-'aa-yi'.

later.
بعدين شوية.
baA-dayn shu-way-ya.

Where's the restroom?
الحمام فين؟
il-Ham-maam fayn?

May I see a menu, please?
ممكن نشوف المنيو من فضلك؟
momkin ni-shoof il-men-yoo min faDlak (faDlik)?

What do you recommend for us today?
تنصحنا بإيه النهاردة؟
tin-saH-na bi-eh in-nahaar-da?

Do you have any specials today?
فيه إيه مخصوص النهاردة؟
feeh eh makh-SooS in-nahaar-da?

Do you have a kids' menu?
فيه منيو للأطفال؟
feeh men-yoo lil-aT-faal?

I'm a vegetarian.
أنا نباتي (نباتية).
ena na-baatee (na-baa-teyya).

I'll have ...
أنا حآخذ ...
ena Ha-aakhud ...

He'll have ...
هو حيأخذ ...
huw-wa Ha-yakhud ...

She'll have ...
هي حتأخذ ...
hey-ya Ha-takhud ...

I'll have what he / she's having.
أنا حآخذ نفس الطلب.
ena Ha-aakhud nafs iT-Talab.

We'll eat this one together.
حنأكل ده سوا.
Ha-naakul dah sawa.

Without [onions], please.
من غير[بصل] من فضلك.
min ghayr [basal] min fadlak (fadlik).

[The sauce] on the side.
[الصلصة] على جنب.
[is-salsa] aala ganb.

I'd like it ...
أنا عاوزها (عاوزاها) ...
ena Aa-wiz-haa (Aaw-zaa-haa) ...

rare.	سوا خفيف.	*siwa khafeef.*
medium.	سوا وسط.	*siwa wasat.*
well done.	سوا زيادة.	*siwa zi-yaada.*

Everything's good?
كله تمام؟
koll-o ta-maam?

Yes, everything's good, thanks.
أيوه، كله تمام، شكرا.
ay-wah, koll-o ta-maam, shok-ran.

The food is ...
الأكل ...
il-akl ...

delicious.	لذيذ.	*la-zeez.*
bitter.	مر.	*murr.*
too salty.	حادق.	*Haa-di'.*
warm.	دافي.	*daa-fee.*

cold.	بارد.	*baa-rid.*
too spicy.	حراق.	*Har-raa'.*
a little raw.	ني شوية.	*nayy shu-way-ya.*
undercooked.	ناقص سوا.	*naa-'is siwa.*
very tasty.	طعمه هايل.	*taA-muh hay-yil.*
a lot.	كثير شوية.	*kiteer shu-way-ya.*

May I have a napkin?
ممكن فوطة ورق؟
momkin foo-ta wara'?

May I have another one of these?
ممكن كمان واحد؟
momkin ka-maan waaHid?

May I have a clean one of these?
ممكن واحدة نظيفة؟
momkin waHda ni-Deefa?

I'm full.
أنا شبعت.
ena shi-biAt.

I can't eat anything else.
مش ممكن آكل حاجة تانية.
mish momkin aakul Haaga tan-ya.

I'm still hungry.
أنا لسه جعان (جعانة).
ena lis-sa ga-Aaan (ga-Aaana).

Can I take the rest to go?
ممكن آخذ الباقي معايا؟
momkin aakhud il-baa-'ee ma-Aaa-ya?

The check, please.
الحساب من فضلك.
il-Hi-saab, min fadlak (fadlik).

Is service included?
ده شامل الخدمة؟
dah shaa-mil il-khid-ma?

I have a question about this check.
عندي سؤال في الفاتورة.
Aandee so-'aal fil faa-toora.

Do you take cards?
بتأخذوا كروت؟
bi-takh-doo kuroot?

May I have a receipt, please?
ممكن وصل من فضلك؟
momkin waSl min faDlak (faDlik)?

Preparation

raw	ني	*nayy*
fresh	طازة	*Taa-za*
baked / roasted	في الفرن	*fil furn*
fried	مقلي	*ma'-lee*
grilled	مشوي	*mash-wee*
boiled	مسلوق	*maś-loo'*
pan-fried	بانيه	*ba-neyh*
stuffed	محشي	*maH-shee*
in a clay pot	طاجن	*Taa-gin*
over charcoal	على الفحم	*Aalal faHm*
in tomato sauce	بصلصة الطماطم	*bi-Sal-Sit iT-Ta-maa-Tim*

Foods

meat	لحمة	*laH-ma*
beef	بقري	*ba-'aree*
veal	بتللو	*bi-til-lo*
lamb	ضاني	*Daa-nee*
chicken	فراخ	*fi-raakh*
turkey	ديك رومي	*deek roomee*
pigeon	حمام	*Ha-maam*
rabbit	أرانب	*araa-nib*
duck	بط	*baTT*
fish	سمك	*samak*
shrimp	جمبري	*gam-baree*
crab	كابوريا	*ka-bor-ya*
squid	سبيط	*sob-bayT*
lobster	استاكوزا	*ista-koza*
fruits	فواكه	*fa-waa-kih*
apples	تفاح	*tof-faaH*
oranges	برتقال	*bor-tu-'aal*
bananas	موز	*mauz*
straw-berries	فراولة	*fa-row-la*
grapes	عنب	*Ai-nab*
figs	تين	*teen*

vegetables	خضار	*kho-Daar*
potatoes	بطاطس	*ba-Taa-Tis*
tomatoes	طماطم	*Ta-maa-Tim*
eggplant	باذنجان	*baa-zin-gaan*
zucchini	كوسة	*ko-sa*
okra	بامية	*bam-ya*
cucumber	خيار	*khi-yaar*
pepper	فلفل	*fil-fil*
carrots	جزر	*gazar*
onion	بصل	*baSal*
garlic	ثوم	*taum*
peas	بسلة	*bi-sil-la*
corn	ذرة	*dura*
rice	رز	*ruzz*

drinks	مشروبات	*mash-roo-baat*
mineral water	ميه معدنية	*my-ya maA-da-neyya*
juice	عصير	*Aa-Seer*
soda / pop	كازوزة	*ka-zoo-za*
milk	حليب	*Haleeb*
tea	شاي	*shaay*
coffee	قهوة	*ah-wa*

wine	نبيذ	*ni-beet*
beer	بيرة	*beera*

spices	بهارات	*bu-ha-raat*
sugar	سكر	*suk-kar*
salt	ملح	*malH*
pepper	فلفل	*fil-fil*

desserts	حلويات	*Hala-wey-yaat*
cake	كيكة	*kay-ka*
cookie	بسكويت	*bas-ka-weet*
cheese	جبنة	*gibna*

I don't eat ...
أنا ماباكلش ...
ena ma-ba-kul-shi ...

meat.	لحمة.	*laH-ma.*
fish.	سمك.	*samak.*
eggs.	بيض.	*bayD.*
dairy products.	منتجات الألبان.	*mun-ta-gaat il-al-baan.*

The hard "g," as in *mun-ta-gaat* (products) and *gibna* (cheese), is a feature of Egyptian pronunciation. The sound is pronounced as a soft "j" in other Arab regions (*mun-ta-jaat*, *jibna*). Both pronunciations are acceptable and universally understood.

I'm allergic ...
عندي حساسية ...
Aan-dee Has-sa-seyya ...

to nuts.
للمكسرات.
lil-mi-kas-sa-raat.

to chocolate.
للشوكولاتة.
lish-sho-ko-la-ta.

to dairy products.
لمنتجات الألبان.
lil-mun-ta-gaat il-al-baan.

5 Dressing Up

Clothes

What will you be wearing?
حتلبس (حتلبسي) إيه؟
Ha-til-bis (Ha-til-bisee) eh?

I'll be wearing ...
حألبس ...
Hal-bis ...

a T-shirt.
تي شرت.
tee-shirt.

a [blue] shirt.
قميص [أزرق].
amees [az-ra'].

a short-sleeve shirt.
قميص بنص كم.
amees bi-nussi komm.

a long-sleeve shirt.
قميص بكم طويل.
amees bi-komm Taweel.

a sweatshirt.
سويت شيرت.
swet shirt.

a sweater.
بلوفر.
bu-lo-fir.

shorts.
شورت.
short.

pants .
بنطلون.
ban-ta-lon.

jeans.
جينز.
jeenz.

a belt.
حزام.
hi-zaam.

a skirt.
جونلة.
gu-nel-la.

a dress.
فستان.
fus-taan.

a "galabeyya" robe.
جلابية.
gal-la-beyya.

an "abaya" cloak.
عباية.
aa-beyya.

a coat.
بالطو.
bal-to.

a jacket.
جاكيتة.
ja-ket-ta.

a bra.
سوتيان.
sut-yaan.

a swimsuit.
مايوه.
ma-yoh.

a bikini.
بيكيني.
be-kee-nee.

a hat.
برنيطة.
bur-nayt-ta.

a vest.
فانلة.
fa-nil-la.

tights.
شراب حريمي.
sho-raab ha-reem-ee.

shoes.
جزمة.
gazma.

sneakers.
جزمة كاوتش.
gazma ka-witsh.

sandals.
صندل.
san-dal.

boots.
بوت.
boot.

flats.
جزمة من غير كعب.
gazma min ghayr kaAb.

high heels.
جزمة بكعب عالي.
gazma bi-kaAb Aaa-lee.

It may seem confusing to have two or three "a"s together in the pronunciation. Remember that a capital "A" represents the Arabic gutteral sound (see page 6). A double "aa" represents a long vowel sound, as in the English words "hair" or "hard" (as opposed to a short vowel sound as in "had"). Sometimes these elements combine together, such as in the word *Aaa-lee* (high).

Cleaning Up

I want to ...
أنا عاوز (عاوزة) ...
ena Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ...

take a shower.
آخذ دش.
aa-khud dush.

take a bath.
استحمى.
asta-Ham-ma.

towel	فوطة	*foo-Ta*
soap	صابون	*Saboon*

shampoo	شامبو	*shamboo*
conditioner	مكيف للشعر	*mo-kay-yef lish-shaAr*
moisturizing cream	كريم مرطب	*ke-reym mo-raT-Tib*
mirror	مراية	*mi-raa-ya*

The water is ...
المية ...
il-my-ya ...

freezing.	ساقعة ثلج.	*saa-'Aa telg.*
very hot.	سخنة جدا.	*sokh-na gid-dan.*
just right.	تمام كده.	*ta-maam kid-da.*
brown.	لونها بني.	*lon-haa bon-nee.*

I want to ...
أنا عاوز (عاوزة) ...
ena Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ...

brush my teeth.
أغسل سناني.
agh-sil si-naanee.

clean my teeth.
أنظف سناني.
a-naD-Daf si-naanee.

do my hair.
أعمل شعري.
Aa-mil shaA-ree.

brush my hair.
أسرح شعري.
a-sar-raH shaA-ree.

dry my hair.
أنشف شعري.
a-nash-shif shaA-ree.

put on makeup.
أحط المكياج.
a-HUTT il-mik-yaaj.

clean my ears.
أنظف وداني.
a-naD-Daf wi-daanee.

Has anyone seen...
حد شاف ...
Hadd shaaf ...

my toothbrush?
فرشة سناني؟
for-shet si-naanee?

the hair dryer?
السشوار؟
is-sish-waar?

Getting Ready

I don't have anything to wear.
ما عنديش حاجة ألبسها.
maa Aan-deesh Haaga al-bis-haa.

I'm ready!
أنا جاهز (جاهزة)!
ena gaa-hiz (gah-za)!

Wait a bit.
استنوا شوية.
is-tan-noo shu-way-ya.

[Five] more minutes.
[خمسة] كمان.
[khamsa] ka-maan.

I'll meet you ...
حاقابلكم ...
Ha-'aabil-kom ...

outside.
برة.
bar-ra.

in the lobby.
في اللوبي.
fil-lob-bee.

in the café.
في القهوة.
fil-ah-wa.

at the restaurant.
في المطعم.
fil-maT-Aam.

You look wonderful!
إيه الجمال ده!
eh ig-ga-maal dah!

I look terrible!
شكلي عفش!
shak-lee Ai-fish!

Is this outfit suitable?
ينفع اللبس ده؟
yin-faA il-libs dah?

Do you have ...
معاك ...
maA-aak (maA-aaki) ...

money?
فلوس؟
fi-loos?

your passport?
الباسبور؟
il-bas-bor?

I can't find ...
أنا مش لاقي (لاقية) ...
ena mish laa-'ee (la'-ya) ...

my wallet.
المحفظة.
il-maH-faza.

my purse.
كيس فلوسي.
kees fi-loos-ee.

my keys.
المفاتيح.
il-ma-faa-teeH.

Do you have [a bag] with you?
معاك [شنطة]؟
maA-aak (maA-aaki) [shan-Ta]?

6 Going Out

Making Plans

Are you doing anything tonight?
حتعملوا إيه الليلة؟
Ha-tiA-miloo eh il-lay-la?

Do you want to do something?
نفسك تعمل (نفسك تعملي) حاجة؟
nifs-ak tiA-mil (nifs-ik tiA-milee) Haa-ga?

Yes, I'd love to.
أيوه، يا ريت.
aywah, yaa rayt.

Yes, maybe.
أيوه، ممكن.
aywah, momkin.

Why not?
ليه لأ؟
leh la'?

I don't know yet.
لسه ماعرفش.
lis-sa maA-rafsh.

No, sorry, I can't.
لا، آسف (آسفة)، ماقدرش.
la, aasif (asfa), ma'-darsh.

No, I'm a little tired.
لأ، أنا تعبان (تعبانة) شوية.
la', ena taA-baan (taA-baana) shu-way-ya.

I'm staying in today.
أنا مش حاخرج النهاردة.
ena, mish Hakh-rug in-nahaar-da.

Call me if it seems good.
كلمني لو النظام حلو.
kal-lim-nee lau in-ni-zaam Hil-wu.

What do you feel like doing?
نفسك تعمل (نفسك تعملي) إيه؟
nifs-ak tiA-mil (nifs-ik tiA-milee) eh?

Did you eat yet?
كلتوا حاجة ولا لسه؟
kal-too Haa-ga wal-la lis-sa?

Have you talked to [Mahmoud]?
كلمتوا [محمود]؟
kal-lim-too [maH-mood]?

I'm in the mood for ...
أنا نفسي ...
ena nif-see ...

We could ...
إحنا ممكن ...
iH-na momkin ...

go to a movie.
نروح السينما.
ni-rooH is-si-nima.

go to the theater.
نروح المسرح.
ni-rooH il-mas-raH.

have dinner somewhere.
نتعشي برة.
nit-Aash-sha bar-ra.

buy a bottle of something.
نشتري إزازة حاجة.
nish-tiree izaa-zit Haa-ga.

hang out in my room.
نقعد في أوضتي.
ni'-Aud fee oD-tee.

Where should we go?
نروح فين؟
ni-rooH fayn?

This place is great.
المكان ده هايل.
il-ma-kaan dah hay-yil.

This place is terrible.
المكان ده مزعج.
il-ma-kaan dah muz-Aig.

I've never been there.
أنا عمري ما رحت هناك.
ena Aum-ree maa ruHt hinaak.

I heard it gets a good crowd.
أنا سمعت إن فيه ناس كويسين.
ena se-mi-At in fee naas kway-yi-seen.

Is it near here?
قريب من هنا؟
u-ray-yib min hina?

Is it far from here?
بعيد من هنا؟
bi-Aeed min hina?

What time does it open?
بيفتح الساعة كام؟
b-yif-taH is-saA-a kaam?

What time does it close?
بيقفل الساعة كام؟
b-yi'-fil is-saA-a kaam?

What time shall we meet?
نتقابل الساعة كام؟
nit-'aab-il is-saA-a kaam?

How long do you need to get ready?
حتجهز(حتجهزي) بعد قد إيه؟
Ha-tig-haz (Ha-tig-hazee) baAd ad-du eh?

I'm free from ... o'clock.
أنا فاضي (فاضية) من الساعة ...
ena faa-Dee (faD-ya) min is-saA-a ...

OK. I'll call you at ... o'clock.
ماشي، حاكلمك الساعة ...
maa-shee, Ha-kal-lim-ak (Ha-kal-lim-ik) is-saA-a ...

What are you going to wear?
حتلبس (حتلبسي) إيه؟
Ha-til-bis (Ha-til-bisee) eh?

What should I wear?
ألبس إيه؟
al-bis eh?

Do I have to dress formally?
لازم ألبس رسمي؟
laa-zim al-bis ras-mee?

Do we need a reservation?
لازم نحجز؟
laa-zim niH-giz?

Is there dancing?
فيه رقص؟
fee ra's?

Will they ask for our passports?
حيطلبوا منا الباسبور؟
Ha-yuT-luboo min-na il-bas-bor?

What time does the [party] start?
[الحفلة] حتبتدي امتى؟
[il-Haf-la] Ha-tib-tidee imta?

Will you be out late?
حتتأخروا برة؟
Ha-tit-akh-kharoo bar-ra?

I have things to do in the morning.
عندي مصالح الصبح.
Aan-dee ma-saa-liH is-sobH.

Let's not be late.
بلاش نتأخر.
ba-laash nit-akh-khar.

Let's celebrate!
ياللا نحتفل!
yal-la niH-ti-fil!

Where shall we meet?
نتقابل فين؟
nit-'aab-il fayn?

Let's meet at ...
ياللا نتقابل عند ...
yal-la nit-'aab-il Aand ...

What street is it on?
في شارع إيه؟
fee shaa-riA eh?

I'll meet you there.
حاقابلكم هناك.
Ha-'aa-bil-kum hinaak.

If you get lost, call me.
لو تهت، كلمني.
lau tuht, kal-lim-nee.

Where are you all?
أنتوا فين؟
entoo fayn?

I'm running late.
أنا حاجي متأخر.
ene Ha-gee mit-akh-khar.

I'll be there in [ten] minutes.
حاكون معاكم بعد عشر دقايق.
Ha-koon ma-Aaa-kum baAd Aashar da-'aa-yi'.

At the Bar

This place is great!
المكان ده هايل!
il-ma-kaan dah hay-yil!

Let's stay a little longer.
خللينا قاعدين شوية كمان.
khal-lee-na aaA-deen shu-way-ya ka-maan.

Can you see an empty table?
شايف (شايفة) ترابيزة فاضية؟
shay-yif (shay-fa) tara-bey-za faD-ya?

I'll wait for you by the bar.
حستناك عند البار.
Has-ta-naak (Has-ta-naaki) Aand il-bar.

This place sucks.
المكان ده زبالة.
il-ma-kaan dah zi-baa-la.

Let's go somewhere else.
ياللا نروح حتة تانية.
yal-la ni-rooH Hit-ta tan-ya.

Let's go back to the first place.
ياللا نرجع المكان الأولاني.
yal-la nir-gaA il-ma-kaan il-awwa-laanee.

Let's go home.
ياللا نروح.
yal-la ni-ra-wwaH.

I'm tired.
أنا تعبان (تعبانة).
ena taA-baan (taA-baana).

I'm not tired yet.
أنا لسه ما تعبتش.
ena lis-sa ma tAib-tish.

I'm just getting started.
أنا لسه باسخن.
ena lis-sa ba-sakh-khan.

I'm broke.
أنا فلست.
ena fal-list.

This place is very expensive.
المكان ده غالي قوي.
il-ma-kaan dah ghaa-lee a-wee.

Can you loan me some money?
ممكن تسلفني؟
momkin tisal-lif-nee?

Is there an ATM around here?
فيه مكنة صرف هنا؟
feeh me-ka-nit Sarf hina?

Do you have a light?
معاك كبريت؟
maA-aak (maA-aaki) kab-reet?

Do you have a cigarette?
معاك سيجارة؟
maA-aak (maA-aaki) see-gaa-ra?

Would you like a drink?
تشرب (تشربي) حاجة؟
tish-rab (tish-rabee) Haa-ga?

What would you like to drink?
تشرب (تشربي) إيه؟
tish-rab (tish-rabee) eh?

7 Making Friends

Meeting People

Do you come here often?
بتيجي هنا كتير؟
bi-tee-gee hina kiteer?

Your face seems familiar.
الوش ده مش غريب عليا.
il-wish dah mish gha-reeb Aa-lay-ya.

Are all [Egyptians] so good looking?
كل [المصريين] حلوين كده؟
koll [il-muS-rey-yeen] Hil-ween kid-da?

Are you a model in fashion magazines?
أنت موديل في مجلات الموضة؟
enti mo-del fee ma-gal-laat il-mo-Da?

I have lots to say to you.
عندي كلام كتير.
Aan-dee ka-laam kiteer.

My heart is pounding hard.
قلبي بيدق جامد.
elb-ee biy-du' gaa-mid.

I'd like to get to know you better.
نفسي أتعرف عليك (عليكي) أكتر.
nif-see at-Aar-raf Aa-lay-k (Aa-lay-ki) ak-tar.

Are you at uni or working?
أنت في الجامعة ولا بتشتغل (بتشتغلي)؟
enta (enti) fig-gam-AA wal-la bi-tish-taghal (bi-tish-tagha-lee)?

Who do you like listening to?
بتحب تسمع (بتحبي تسمعي) مين؟
bit-HHibb tis-maA (bit-HHib-bee tis-maA-ee) meen?

Where do you live?
ساكن (ساكنة) فين؟
saa-kin (sak-na) fayn?

Cool!	ماشي!	*maa-shee!*
Wow!	يا سلام!	*yaa salaam!*
Incredible!	مش معقول!	*mish maA-'ool!*
No way!	لا! مش ممكن!	*la'! mish momkin!*
Me too!	وأنا كمان!	*w-ena ka-maan!*

You're ...
أنت ...
enti ...

very beautiful.	حلوة خالص.	*HHil-wa khaa-lis.*
very elegant.	شيك أوي.	*sheek a-wee.*
stunning!	تجنني!	*ti-gan-ninee!*

You are the most beautiful girl I've ever seen.
أنت أجمل بنت شفتها في حياتي.
enti ag-mal bint shuf-ta-haa fee HHa-yaat-ee.

I like you.
أنا معجب.
ena moA-gab.

Of course you have many admirers.
طبعا عندك معجبين كتير.
tab-AAn AAn-dak (AAn-dik) moA-ga-been kiteer.

Is this hair or silk?
شعر ده ولا حرير؟
shaAr dah wal-la HHa-reer?

Are these teeth or pearls?
سنان دي ولا لولي؟
si-naan dee wal-la loo-lee?

Are these lips or cherries?
شفايف دي ولا كريز؟
sha-faa-yif dee wal-la krayz?

I'd like to meet you.
أحب أتعرف عليك.
a-HHibb at-AA-raf AA-lay-k (AA-lay-ki).

Is there someone in your life right now?
فيه حد في حياتك دلوقتي؟
feeh HHadd fee HHa-yaat-ak (HHa-yaat-ik) dil-wa'-tee?

No, not right now.
حاليا، لأ.
HHaa-li-yan la'.

Treat these friendly phrases with caution. Make sure you always say them in a light-hearted tone, and only when you are sure that the object(s) of your attention would welcome some further conversation.

Playing It Safe

I'm here with my [family].
أنا هنا مع [عيلتي].
ena hina maAa [Ail-tee].

I'm sorry, this doesn't interest me.
آسفة، مش موضوعي.
as-fa, mish mau-DOO-Aee.

Frankly, I don't like this type.
بصراحة، النوع ده ما يعجبنيش.
bi-Sa-raa-Ha, in-noA dah ma yiA-gib-neesh.

Please leave me alone.
لو سمحت سيبني في حالي.
lau sa-maHt sib-nee fee Haal-ee.

Get away from me!
ابعد عني!
ib-Aid Aan-nee!

Where are the security guys?
فين بتوع الأمن؟
fayn bi-tooA il-amn?

Sorry, I'm not that kind of guy.
آسف، أنا مش بتاع كده.
aa-sif, ena mish bi-taaA kid-da.

What a shame! I would have liked to ...
يا خسارة! كان نفسي ...
yaa kho-saa-ra! kaan nif-see ...

be with you.
أكون معاك.
akoon maA-aak (maA-aaki).

invite you to our villa.
أعزمك عندنا في الفيللا.
Aa-zimak (Aa-zimik) Aan-dina fil vil-la.

invite you over to my room.
أعزمك عندي في الأوضة.
Aa-zimak (Aa-zimik) Aan-dee fil o-Da.

enjoy my time with you tonight.
أتمتع بوقتي معاك الليلة دي.
at-mat-aA bi-wa'-tee maA-aak (maA-aaki) il-lay-la dee.

Getting Better Acquainted

May I stay over?
ممكن أبات هنا؟
momkin abaat hina?

I want you to stay over.
أنا عاوزك تبات هنا.
ena Aaw-zak ti-baat hina.

We can spend the night here.
ممكن نبات هنا.
momkin ni-baat hina.

We'll see the sunrise together.
حنشوف الشروق سوا.
Han-shoof ish-sho-roo' sawa.

No, it's better if you go home.
لأ، أحسن لو تروح.
la'. aH-san lau ti-rauw-waH.

No, not really. I'd better go.
لأ، مش قوي. أمشي أحسن.
la'. mish a-wee. am-shee aH-san.

That's enough. Goodbye.
كفاية كدة. مع السلامة.
ki-faa-ya kid-da. ma-Aas sa-laa-ma.

I've had a great time with you.
أنا قضيت وقت جميل معاكم.
ena a-Dayt wa't gameel maA-kum.

Take my number.
خذوا نمرتي.
kho-doo nim-ritee.

I've got [three] more days here.
أنا فاضل لي [تلات] أيام هنا.
ena faa-Dil lee [talat] ay-yaam hina.

Can we meet tomorrow?
ممكن نتقابل بكرة؟
momkin nit-'aa-bil buk-ra?

Can I see you again?
ممكن أشوفك تاني؟
momkin ashoof-ak (ashoof-ik) taa-nee?

When will I see you again?
أشوفك تاني امتى؟
ashoof-ak (ashoof-ik) taa-nee im-ta?

Where shall we meet?
نتقابل فين؟
nit-'aab-il fayn?

This boy is my fiancé.
الولد ده خطيبي.
il-wa-lad dah kha-Tee-bee.

This girl is my fiancée.
البنت دي خطيبتي.
il-bint dee kha-Tib-tee.

This is a friend, nothing more.
ده صديق، مش أكتر.
dah sa-deeq, mish ak-tar.

We can be friends, nothing more.
إحنا ممكن نكون أصدقاء، مش أكتر.
iH-na momkin ni-koon asdi-qaa', mish ak-tar.

I've loved you from the first moment!
أنا حبيتك من أول نظرة!
ena Ha-bay-tak (Ha-bay-tik) min ow-wil naz-ra!

Write to me!
اكتبلي (اكتبيلي)!
ik-tib-lee (ik-ti-bee-lee)!

I promise to write you every day!
أوعدك إني حاكتبلك كل يوم!
ow-Aid-ak (ow-Aid-ik) in-nee Hak-tib-lak (Hak-tib-lik) kollu yom!

Come visit me there.
تعالوا زوروني هناك.
ti-Aaal-oo zoor-oo-nee hinaak.

What's your mobile number?
نمرتك إيه؟
nim-ritak (nim-ritik) eh?

Give me your email.
اديني الايمايل بتاعك.
id-dee-nee il-email bi-taa-Aak (bi-taa-Aik).

Can you share the photos?
ممكن تشيّر (تشيّري) الصور؟
momkin ti-shay-yar (ti-shay-ya-ree) iS-So-war?

Can you add me as a friend?
ممكن تضيفني كصديق؟
momkin ti-Dif-nee ka-Sa-deeq?

I will never forget you.
أنا عمري ماحنساك.
ena AUm-ree ma-HAn-saak (ma-HAn-saa-kee).

You've opened my eyes to a lot of things.
أنت فتحت عيني على حاجات كتير.
enta fa-taHt (enti fa-taH-ti) AAy-nee AA-la HA-gaat kiteer.

What a waste of time!
فرصة زي قلتها!
for-sa zayy il-lit-haa!

8 Seeing the Sights

Sights

I'd like to see ...
عاوز (عاوزة) أشوف ...
AA-wiz (AAw-za) ashoof ...

the museum.
المتحف.
il-mat-HAf.

the gallery.
المعرض.
il-maA-raD.

the palace.
القصر.
il-aSr.

the citadel.
القلعة.
il-al-AA.

the mosque.
المسجد.
il-mas-gid.

the church.
الكنيسة.
il-ka-nee-sa.

the park / gardens.
الجنينة.
ig-gi-nay-na.

the tower.
البرج.
il-burg.

the temple.
المعبد.
il-maA-bad.

the amphitheater.
المسرح الروماني.
il-mas-raH ir-ro-maan-ee.

the lake.
البحيرة.
il-bo-Hey-ra.

the ruins.
الأطلال.
il-aT-laal.

the cemetery.
المقابر.
il-ma-qaa-bir.

the statues.
التماثيل.
it-ta-maa-seel.

the downtown area.
وسط البلد.
wust il-ba-lad.

the Islamic quarter.
الحي الاسلامي.
il-Hayy il-is-laam-ee.

the spice market.
سوق العطارين.
soo' il-AaT-Taa-reen.

the goldsmiths' district.
حي الصاغة.
Hayy is-Saa-gha.

Do you have any ...
عندكم أي ...
Aandu-kum ayy ...

catalogs?	كتالوجات؟	*kata-log-aat?*
maps?	خرايط؟	*kha-raay-iT?*
suggestions?	اقتراحات؟	*iqti-raa-Haat?*

We want to take a ...
عاوزين ناخد ...
Aaw-zeen na-khud ...

walking tour.
جولة على رجلينا.
gaw-la Aa-la rig-lay-na.

guided tour.
جولة مع دليل.
gaw-la ma-Aa da-leel.

bus tour.
جولة بالأوتوبيس.
gaw-la bil-otobees.

camel-back tour.
جولة على الجمال.
gaw-la Aa-lal gi-maal.

Nile "feluka" boat tour.
جولة بالفلوكة.
gaw-la bil-fi-loo-ka.

We want a translator / tourist guide.
عاوزين مترجم / مرشد سياحي.
Aaw-zeen mo-tar-gim / mor-shid siya-Heyy.

Tell us about the history of the place.
قول لنا عن تاريخ المكان.
ul-li-na AAn ta-reekh il-ma-kaan.

Can we climb the pyramid?
ممكن نطلع فوق الهرم؟
momkin niT-laa fo' il-ha-ram?

Can we go inside the ...
ممكن ندخل جوه ...
momkin nud-khul go-wa ...

pyramid?
الهرم؟
il-ha-ram?

tomb?
المقبرة؟
il-maq-ba-ra?

Is this place safe?
المكان هنا أمان؟
il-ma-kaan hina amaan?

Calling Ahead

Where does the tour start?
الجولة بتبتدي منين؟
ig-gaw-la bi-tib-tidee min-ayn?

When does the tour start?
الجولة بتبتدي امتى؟
ig-gaw-la bi-tib-tidee im-ta?

How long is the tour?
الجولة مدتها كام ساعة؟
ig-gaw-la mod-dit-haa kaam saa-Aa?

What will we see on the tour?
حنشوف إيه في الجولة دي؟
HAn-shoof eh fig-gaw-la dee?

Do we have to reserve a spot?
لازم نحجز مكان؟
laa-zim niH-giz ma-kaan?

What time do you open?
بتفتحوا الساعة كام؟
bi-tif-ta-Hoo is-saa-Aa kaam?

When do you close?
بتقفلوا امتى؟
bi-ti'-fil-oo im-ta?

How much is admission?
تذكرة الدخول بكام؟
taz-kar-it id-do-khool bi-kaam?

Is there a student discount?
فيه تخفيض للطلبة؟
feeh takh-feeD liT-Ta-la-ba?

Is there a group discount?
فيه تخفيض للمجموعات؟
feeh takh-feeD lil-mag-moo-Aaat?

Cultural Stuff

Let's go to ...
ياللا نروح ...
yal-la ni-rooH ...

the theater.
المسرح.
il-mas-raH.

the movies.
السينما.
is-si-nima.

the show.
الاستعراض.
il-is-tiA-raaD.

the circus.
السيرك.
is-sirk.

a soccer game.
ماتش كورة.
maatsh ko-ra.

Where's the movie playing?
الفيلم شغال فين؟
il-film shagh-ghaal fayn?

What time does the play start?
المسرحية بتبتدي امتى؟
il-mas-ra-Heyya bi-tib-tidee im-ta?

How much is the entrance?
بكام التذكرة؟
bi-kaam it-taz-kara?

Are there any tickets for today?
فيه تذاكر للنهاردة؟
feeh ta-zaa-kir lin-na-har-da?

Are there any tickets for tonight?
فيه تذاكر لليلة دي؟
feeh ta-zaa-kir lil-lay-la dee?

9 Going Broke

Money

We want to ...
عاوزين ...
Aaw-zeen ...

buy some stuff.
نشتري حاجات.
nish-tiree Ha-gaat.

change money.
نغيير فلوس.
nigh-ay-yar fi-loos.

What's the exchange rate?
سعر الصرف كام؟
siAr iS-Sarf kaam?

Where can we find ...
فين نلاقي ...
fayn ni-laa'-ee ...

a bank?
بنك؟
bank?

an ATM?
مكنة صرف؟
mek-an-it Sarf?

some stores?
محلات؟
ma-Hal-laat?

a market?
سوق؟
soo'?

a mall?
مول تجاري؟
mall tu-gaa-ree?

a grocery store?
بقال؟
ba'-'aal?

a supermarket?
سوبرماركت؟
supermarket?

a drugstore / pharmacy?
أجزاخانة؟
akh-za-khaa-na?

a bookstore?
مكتبة؟
mek-ta-ba?

a bazaar?
بازار؟
ba-zaar?

a gym?
جيمنازيوم؟
gim-naaz-yom?

Just as English words such as "mall" and "supermarket" have entered spoken Arabic, so some words of Arabic origin have come the other way. These include the word "souk" to describe a traditional market, and "bazaar" to describe somewhere selling trinkets and souvenirs.

At the Store

Do you have ... ?
عندكم ...؟
Aandu-kum ...?

We want to buy ...
عاوزين نشتري ...
Aaw-zeen nish-tiree ...

clothes.	هدوم.	*ho-doom.*
gifts.	هدايا.	*ha-daa-ya.*
postcards.	كارت بوستال.	*kart pos-taal.*
stamps.	طوابع بريد.	*Ta-waa-biA ba-reed.*
a map.	خريطة.	*kha-ree-Ta.*
a guidebook.	دليل سياحي.	*da-leel si-yaa-Hee.*
an umbrella.	شمسية.	*sham-seyya.*

I need a gift ...
عاوز (عاوزة) هدية ...
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) he-deyya ...

for my friend.
لصديقي (لصديقتي).
li-Sa-dee-qee (li-Sa-diq-tee).

for my parents.
لوالدي ووالدتي.
li-wal-dee wi-wal-ditee.

for my brother. / for my sister.
لأخويا / لأختي.
li-a-khoo-ya. / li-ukh-tee.

for my fiancé. / for my fianceé.
لخطيبي. / لخطيبتي.
li-kha-tee-bee. / li-kha-tib-tee.

What do you recommend?
تنصحني بإيه؟
tin-saH-nee bi-eh?

I'm just browsing, thanks.
أنا باتفرج بس، شكرا.
ena bat-farr-ag bass, shok-ran.

That's ...
دي حاجة ...
dee Haa-ga ...

nice.	حلوة.	*Hil-wa.*
perfect.	ممتازة.	*mom-taaza.*
beautiful.	جميلة.	*ga-meela.*
very appropriate.	مناسبة جدا.	*mo-naas-ba gid-dan.*
not nice.	مش حلوة.	*mish Hil-wa.*
hideous.	بشعة.	*bash-iAa.*
very beautiful.	آخر جمال.	*aa-khir ga-maal.*

I like this one.
دي عاجباني.
dee Aag-baanee.

I don't like this one.
دي مش عاجباني.
dee mish Aag-baanee.

Is this handmade?
دي شغل إيد؟
dee sho-ghl eed?

Can I try it on?
ممكن أقيسها؟
momkin a-'is-haa?

Does it suit me?
مناسبة لي؟
mo-nas-ba ley-ya?

It doesn't suit me.
مش مناسبة لي.
mish mo-nas-ba ley-ya.

It's not my size.
مش مقاسي.
mish ma-'aa-see.

Do you have something ...
عندكم حاجة ...
Aandu-kum Haa-ga ...

cheaper?
أرخص؟
ar-khas?

fancier?
أشيك؟
ash-yak?

in a larger size?
مقاس أكبر؟
ma-'aas ak-bar?

in a smaller size?
مقاس أصغر؟
ma-'aas as-ghar?

in a different color?
بلون تاني؟
bi-lone taa-nee?

Where's the clearance section?
فين قسم التخفيضات؟
fayn qism it-takh-fee-Daat?

Haggling

How much is this?
بكام دي؟
bi-kaam dee?

The price is ...
سعرها ...
SiA-ra-haa ...

reasonable.
معقول.
maA'-ool.

a bit expensive.
غالي شوية.
ghaa-lee shu-way-ya.

very expensive.
غالي جدا.
ghaa-lee gid-dan.

Can we talk about the price?
ممكن نتكلم في السعر؟
momkin nit-kal-lim fis-siAr?

I can pay up to ...
أنا ممكن أدفع لحد ...
ena momkin ad-faA li-Hadd ...

Paying

I'll pay cash.
حادفع كاش.
Had-faA kaash.

I don't have change.
ما عنديش فكة.
ma Aan-deesh fak-ka.

Do you take ...
بتاخذوا ...
bi-takh-doo ...

cards?
كروت؟
ko-root?

traveler's checks?
شيكات سياحية؟
shi-kaat siyya-Heyya?

dollars?
دولارات؟
do-laa-raat?

Can you wrap it?
ممكن تلفها؟
momkin ti-liff-ahaa?

Can you ship it?
ممكن تشحنها؟
momkin tish-Hin-haa?

Can you deliver it?
ممكن توصلها؟
momkin ti-waS-Sal-haa?

The address is ...
العنوان هو ...
il-Ain-waan huw-wa ...

May I return this?
ممكن أرجع دي؟
momkin a-rag-gaA dee?

10 Killing Time

Doing Nothing

What do you feel like doing?
عاوزين تعملوا إيه؟
Aaw-zeen tiA-miloo eh?

Do you play ...
بتلعبوا ...
bi-til-Aaboo ...

cards?	كوتشينة؟	*kot-sheena?*
chess?	شطرنج؟	*shaTa-rang?*
dominoes?	دومينو؟	*do-me-no?*

I win.
أنا الكسبان (الكسبانة).
enal kas-baan (kas-baana).

You lose.
أنت الخسران (الخسرانة).
ental khas-raan (entil khas-raana).

Let's play again.
ياللا نلعب تاني.
yal-la nil-Aab taa-nee.

This game is fun.
حلوة لعبة دي.
Hil-wa il-leA-ba dee.

You're learning fast.
أنت بتتعلم (أنت بتتعلمي) بسرعة.
enta bi-tit-Aal-lim (enti bi-tit-Aal-lim-ee) bi-sur-Aa.

You're hopeless.
ما فيش فايدة فيك.
maa feesh fay-da feek (fee-ki).

I want to ...
أنا عاوز (عاوزة) ...
ena Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ...

stay in.
أقعد في البيت.
a'-Aud fil-bayt.

relax.
أريح.
a-ray-yaH.

sit in a cafeteria.
أقعد في كافيتريا.
a'-Aud fee kafi-tirya.

sit and read somewhere.
أقعد أقرأ في حتة.
a'-Aud a'-ra fee Hit-ta.

go for a walk.
أتمشى شوية.
at-mash-sha shu-way-ya.

An apostrophe in the pronunciation represents a short break or glottal stop. See page 8 for more details of how to pronounce this. Sometimes glottal stops group together, such as in the phrase *a'-Aud a'-ra* ("sit and read"). Do your best to pronounce them but don't worry too much; you should still be understood if you say the word without the apostrophes.

The Beach

Let's go to the beach.
ياللا نروح البلاج.
yal-la ni-rooH il-bi-laaj.

I want to buy ...
أنا عاوز (عاوزة) أشتري ...
ena Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ash-ti-ree ...

a beach towel.
فوطة بلاج.
foo-Tit bi-laaj.

a beach chair.
كرسي بلاج.
kor-see bi-laaj.

a beach umbrella.
شمسية بلاج.
sham-sey-yit bi-laaj.

a swimsuit.
مايوه.
maa-yoh.

flip-flops.
شبشب.
shib-shib.

sunscreen.
كريم للشمس.
ke-reym lish-shams.

a sun hat.
برنيطة للشمس.
bor-ney-Ta lish-shams.

I need to put on sunscreen.
أنا عاوز (عاوزة) أحط كريم للشمس.
ena Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) a-HuTT ke-reym lish-shams.

Am I getting burned?
أنا محروق (محروقة) من الشمس؟
ena mah-roo' (mah-roo'a) min ish-shams?

You're getting burned.
أنت محروق (محروقة) من الشمس.
enta mah-roo' (enti mah-roo'a) min ish-shams.

You're ...
أنت ...
enta (enti) ...

tan.
اسمريت.
is-mar-rayt (is-mar-raytee).

sunburned.
محروق (محروقة) من الشمس.
mah-roo' (mah-roo'a) min ish-shams.

really white.
أبيض خالص.
ab-yad khaa-lis.

Can you swim here?
ممكن نستحمى هنا؟
momkin nista-ham-ma hina?

Is there a lifeguard?
فيه غطاس إنقاذ؟
feeh ghat-taas in-qaaz?

Is the water deep?
الميه غويطة؟
il-my-ya gha-wee-ta?

Let's go swimming.
ياللا ننزل البحر.
yal-la nin-zil il-bahr.

Come on in!
انزلوا!
in-zi-loo!

The water's ...
الميه ...
il-my-ya ...

great.
هايلة.
hay-la.

warm.
دافية.
daf-ya.

cold.
ساقعة.
sa'-aa.

shallow.
مش غويطة.
mish gha-wee-ta.

deep.
غويطة.
gha-wee-ta.

full of jellyfish.
مليانة قناديل بحر.
mal-yaa-na qa-na-deel bahr.

full of sharks.
مليانة سمك قرش.
mal-yaa-na samak 'irsh.

The sea is rough.
البحر هايج.
il-baнr haay-ig.

Don't go out too far.
ما تبعدوش لجوه.
maa tib-Aid-oosh li-gow-wa.

I can see a ...
أنا شايف (شايفة) ...
ena shaa-yif (shay-fa) ...

green flag. Let's go in.
راية خضرا. ياللا ننزل البحر.
raa-ya khaD-ra. yal-la nin-zil il-baнr.

black flag. We can't go in.
راية سودا. مش ممكن ننزل البحر.
raa-ya so-da. mish momkin nin-zil il-baнr.

Let's go ...
ياللا ...
yal-la ...

snorkeling.
نعمل سنوركل.
niA-mil snor-kel.

scuba diving.
نغطس.
nigh-Tas.

fishing.
نصطاد سمك.
niS-Taad samak.

rent a boat.
نأجر مركب.
ni-'ag-gar mar-kib.

rent a Jet Ski.
نأجر جتسكي.
ni-'ag-gar jet-skee.

rent a surfboard.
نأجر لوح.
ni-'ag-gar lawH.

Where is ...
فين ...
fayn ...

the dock?
المرسى؟
il-mar-sa?

the dive club?
نادي الغوص؟
naa-dee il-ghaws?

the marina?
المارينا؟
il-ma-ree-na?

Can we rent ...
ممكن نأجر ...
momkin ni-'ag-gar ...

equipment?
عدة؟
Aid-da?

a wetsuit?
بدلة غطس؟
bad-lit ghaTs?

a mask?
نضارة بحر؟
naD-Daa-rit baнr?

Sports

Do you like playing ...
بتحبوا تلعبوا ...
bit-Hib-boo til-Aab-oo ...

sports?
رياضة؟
ri-yaa-Da?

soccer?
كورة؟
ko-ra?

tennis?
تنس؟
tennis?

basketball?
باسكت؟
basket?

golf?
جولف؟
golf?

Do you like ...
بتحبوا ...
bit-Hib-boo ...

swimming?
السباحة؟
is-si-baa-Ha?

cycling?
العجل؟
il-Aa-gal?

jogging?
الجري؟
il-gar-ee?

yoga?
اليوجا؟
il-yoga?

sailing?
الملاحة؟
il-mi-laa-Ha?

skating?
الباتيناج؟
il-ba-ti-naaj?

diving?
الغطس؟
il-ghaTs?

horseback riding?
ركوب الخيل؟
ro-koob il-khayl?

I'm not very good at this.
أنا مش كويس (كويسة) فيها.
ena mish kway-yis (kway-yisa) fee-haa.

You're very good at this!
أنت كويس (كويسة) فيها!
enta kway-yis (enti kway-yisa) fee-haa!

Let's race to the end.
ياللا نسابق للآخر.
yal-la ni-saa-bi' lil-aa-khir.

This game is fun.
حلوة اللعبة دي.
Hil-wa il-leA-ba dee.

I'm tired.
أنا تعبان (تعبانة).
ena taA-baan (taA-baana).

I'd like to go to the gym.
عاوز (عاوزة) أروح الجيم.
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) a-rooH il-jim.

Is there a gym around here?
فيه هنا جيم؟
feeh hina jim?

Do you have ...
عندكم ...
Aandu-kum ...

free weights?
أثقال حرة؟
ath-qaal Hur-ra?

cardio equipment?
أجهزة كارديو؟
ag-hiz-it kar-dyo?

a pool?
بيسين؟
bi-seen?

a sauna?
سونا؟
sau-na?

a treadmill?
مشاية؟
mash-shaa-ya?

aerobics?
ايروبيكس؟
ayr-ro-biks?

personal trainers?
مدرب خاص؟
mo-dar-rib khaaSS?

classes?
دروس؟
do-roos?

How much is a pass ...
بكام الكارنيه ...
bi-kaam il-kar-neh ...

for one day?
ليوم واحد؟
li-yom waaHid?

for a week?
لأسبوع؟
li-usboo-A?

for a month?
لشهر؟
li-shahr?

for a year?
لسنة؟
li-san-na?

for two people?
لشخصين؟
li-shakh-Sayn?

Renting a Car

We want to rent a car.
عاوزين نأجر عربية.
Aaw-zeen ni-'ag-gar Aara-beyya.

What's the daily rate?
بكام الإيجار في اليوم؟
bi-kaam il-ee-gaar fil-yom?

How much is insurance?
بكام التأمين؟
bi-kaam it-ta'-meen?

Here's my license.
دي رخصتي.
dee rokh-sit-ee.

There's a dent in it.
فيها خبطة.
fee-haa khab-ta.

The paint is scratched.
فيها خرابيش.
fee-haa kha-ra-beesh.

We want to fill up with gas.
عاوزين نملا بنزين.
aaw-zeen nim-la ban-zeen.

stop	قف	*qiff*
one-way	اتجاه واحد	*it-ti-gaah waahid*
no entry	ممنوع الدخول	*mam-nooa id-do-khool*
no stopping	ممنوع الوقوف	*mam-nooa il-wo-qoof*
parking	انتظار	*in-ti-zaar*
no parking	ممنوع الانتظار	*mam-nooa il-in-ti-zaar*

The Outdoors

We want to ...
عاوزين ...
aaw-zeen ...

go on a desert safari.
نطلع رحلة سفاري صحراوي.
nit-laa rih-lit sa-faa-ree sah-raa-wee.

visit ancient monasteries.
نزور أديرة أثرية.
ni-zoor ad-yi-ra a-tha-reyya.

see some wild animals.
نشوف حيوانات برية.
ni-shoof hay-waa-naat bar-reyya.

We want to buy ...
عاوزين نشتري ...
aaw-zeen nish-tiree ...

a tent.
خيمة.
khay-ma.

a sleeping bag.
كيس نوم.
kees nome.

a sun hat.
برنيطة للشمس.
bor-ney-ta lish-shams.

a cool box.
صندوق كولمان.
san-doo' kol-man.

a flashlight.
بطارية نور.
bat-taa-rey-yit noor.

charcoal and a grill.
فحم وشواية.
fahm wi-shau-waa-ya.

water jerrycans.
جراكن ميه.
ja-raa-kin my-ya.

gas jerrycans.
جراكن بنزين.
ja-raa-kin ben-zeen.

Do you have maps of the area?
عندكم خرايط للمنطقة؟
Aandu-kum kha-raa-yiT lil-man-Ti-'a?

Is this area safe ...
المنطقة دي أمان ...
il-man-Ti-'a dee a-maan ...

for sleeping overnight?
للبيات؟
lil-bi-yaat?

for camping?
للتخييم؟
lit-takh-yeem?

for hunting?
للصيد؟
lis-Sayd?

Are there any ... here?
فيه هنا ...
feeh hina ...

scorpions	عقارب؟	*Aa-qaa-rib?*
snakes	ثعابين؟	*ta-Aaa-been?*
foxes	ثعالب؟	*ta-Aaa-lib?*

Is this water clean?
الميه دي نظيفة؟
il-my-ya dee ni-Deefa?

What's the weather like ...
حالة الجو إيه ...
Haa-lit ig-gau eh ...

today?	النهاردة؟	*in-nahaar-da?*
tomorrow?	بكرة؟	*bokra?*
for the next two days?	اليومين دول؟	*il-yom-ayn dool?*
this week?	الأسبوع ده؟	*il-usboo-A dah?*

Will there be ...
حيكون فيه ....
Hay-koon feeh ...

sandstorms?
خماسين؟
kha-ma-seen?

rain?
مطر؟
ma-Tar?

heat?
حر؟
Harr?

cold?
برد؟
bard?

humidity?
رطوبة؟
ro-Too-ba?

fog?
ضباب؟
Da-baab?

a storm?
نوة؟
naw-wa?

11 Staying Healthy

Ailments

I'm sick.
أنا مريض (مريضة).
ena ma-reeD (ma-reeDa).

I have a pain in ...
عندي ألم في ...
Aan-dee alam fee ...

my head.	راسي.	*raa-see.*
my stomach.	بطني.	*buT-nee.*
my throat.	زوري.	*zoor-ee.*
my ear.	ودني.	*wid-nee.*
my teeth.	سناني.	*si-naa-nee.*
my neck.	رقبتي.	*ra-'ab-tee.*
my back.	ظهري.	*Dah-ree.*
my leg.	رجلي.	*rig-lee.*

That hurts.
ده بيوجع.
dah bi-yo-gaA.

I have pain here.
عندي ألم هنا.
Aan-dee alam hina.

I feel that ...
أنا حاسس (حاسسة) ...
ena Haa-sis (Has-sa) ...

I'm better.
إني أحسن.
in-nee aH-san.

the pain has increased.
إن الألم زاد.
in il-alam zaad.

I'm tired.
إني تعبان (تعبانة).
in-nee taA-baan (taA-baana).

I'm not right.
إني مش مظبوط (مظبوطة).
in-nee mish maz-booT (maz-booTa).

I'm dizzy.
إني دايخ (دايخة).
in-nee daa-yikh (day-kha).

I'm nauseous.
إن بطني مقلوبة.
in buT-nee ma'-loo-ba.

I have ...
عندي ...
Aan-dee ...

a cold.	برد.	*bard.*
a fever.	سخونة.	*so-khoo-na.*
diarrhea.	إسهال.	*is-haal.*
constipation.	إمساك.	*im-saak.*

Remember not to pronounce an Arabic "s" as a "z" sound. See page 4 for more details.

I threw up.
رجعت.
rag-gaAt.

I've broken ...
أنا كسرت ...
ena kas-art ...

my arm.
ذراعي.
di-raa-Aee.

my finger.
صباعي.
So-baa-Aee.

my wrist.
رسغي.
ris-ghee.

my toe.
صباع رجلي.
So-baa-A rig-lee.

my ankle.
كاحلي.
kaa-hilee.

my foot.
قدمي.
qad-amee.

my leg.
رجلي.
rig-lee.

my rib.
ضلع.
Dil-A.

my collarbone.
الترقوة.
it-tar-qu-wa.

Is it broken?
دي مكسورة؟
dee mak-soora?

Is it infected?
ده متلوث؟
dah mit-lau-weth?

Medicine and Prescriptions

I ran out of medicine.
الدوا خلص.
id-dawa khil-lis.

I need more of this medicine.
محتاج (محتاجة) دوا كمان.
miн-taag (miн-taaga) dawa ka-maan.

I need a new prescription.
محتاج (محتاجة) روشتة جديدة.
miн-taag (miн-taaga) ro-shet-ta gi-deeda.

I'm allergic to ...
عندي حساسية من ...
Aan-dee нasa-seyya min ...

ibuprofen.
الايبوبروفين.
il-eye-bew-bro-fen.

penicillin.
البنسلين.
il-bene-si-leen.

aspirin.
الأسبرين.
il-asbi-reen.

bee stings.
قرص النحل.
arS in-naнl.

nuts.
المكسرات.
il-mi-kas-sa-raat.

I'm diabetic.
عندي السكر.
Aan-dee is-sok-kar.

I have asthma.
عندي ربو.
Aan-dee rab-wu.

Toiletries

I need to buy ...
عاوز (عاوزة) أشتري ...
Aa-wiz (Aaw-za) ash-ti-ree ...

Band-Aids.
بلاستر.
bi-las-ter.

sunscreen.
كريم للشمس.
ke-reym lish-shams.

toothpaste.
معجون سنان.
maA-goon si-naan.

a toothbrush.
فرشاة سنان.
for-shet sin-naan.

a razor.
موس حلاقة.
moos Hi-laa-'a.

shaving cream.
كريم حلاقة.
ke-reym Hi-laa-'a.

makeup.
مكياج.
mak-yaaj.

hair conditioner.
مكيف للشعر.
mo-kay-yef lish-shaAr.

a hairbrush.
فرشاة شعر.
for-shet shaAr.

tampons.
تامباكس.
tam-baks.

new glasses.
نظارة جديدة.
naD-Daa-ra gi-deeda.

new contact lenses.
عدسات نظر جديدة.
Aada-saat na-zar gi-deeda.

contact lens solution.
محلول لعدسات النظر.
maH-lool li-Aada-saat in-na-zar.

Emergencies

Help!
الحقونا!
il-Ha'-oo-na!

Leave me alone!
ابعدوا عني!
ib-Aid-oo Aan-nee!

Go away!
امشي!
im-shee!

Thief!
حرامي!
Ha-raa-mee!

Emergency!
طوارئ!
Ta-waa-ri'!

Call the police!
هاتوا البوليس!
haa-too il-bo-lees!

Call an ambulance!
هاتوا الاسعاف!
haa-too il-is-Aaaf!

Call a doctor!
هاتوا دكتور!
haa-too dok-toor!

Help me.
ساعدوني.
saa-Ad-oo-nee.

I'm lost.
أنا تهت.
ena tuht.

Crime

I was mugged.
سرقوني.
sa-ra'-oo-nee.

I was assaulted.
ضربوني.
Da-rab-oo-nee.

I lost ...
ضيعت ...
Day-yaAt ...

my passport.
الباسبور.
il-bas-bor.

my wallet.
المحفظة.
il-maH-faza.

my computer.
الكمبيوتر.
il-kom-byoo-tir.

my camera.
الكاميرا.
il-ka-mi-ra.

my glasses.
النظارة.
in-naD-Daa-ra.

my bag.
الشنطة.
ish-shan-Ta.

They stole...
سرقوا ...
sa-ra-'oo ...

my watch.
ساعتي.
saA-tee.

my phone.
تليفوني.
tilee-fo-nee.

my money.
فلوسي.
fi-loo-see.

my clothes.
هدومي.
ho-doo-mee.

my bags.
شنطي.
sho-naTee.

Grammar in Five Minutes

Spoken Arabic

The Arabic language comes in many different levels, from ultra-formal to local slang. The Arabic in this phrase book is **natural spoken Arabic** with an Egyptian pronunciation. This is universally understood and will help you communicate throughout the Arab World.

Pronouns

Here are some of the most important words you'll need for Arabic: the **personal pronouns.**

SINGULAR		PLURAL	
I	ena	**we**	iн-na
you (male)	enta	**you** (plural)	entoo
you (female)	enti	**they**	homma
he	huw-wa		
she	hey-ya		

Four Simple Things About Arabic

There are some things about Arabic that make life much simpler for you. Here are four of the best:

1. **You don't need the words "a" or "an."** So "a cup" is just "cup" (fin-gaan) and "an apple" is just "apple" (tof-faaн-a).
2. Generally, **you don't need the verb "to be"** ("am," "are," "is"). So "This is Tom" is just "This Tom" (dah tom), and "I am a student" is "I student" (ena taa-lib).
3. **There's no special question structure in Arabic.** Just raise the pitch of your voice at the end. For example, aan-duh fin-gaan ("He has a cup") becomes a question by simply raising the pitch on the final word: aan-duh *fin-gaan?* ("Does he have a cup?").
4. Finally, **you can express actions and feelings without necessarily using verbs.** For example, "I feel like ..." is nif-see ... which means "my desire ...".

Gender

One thing about Arabic that often throws English speakers for a loop: **all Arabic nouns have a gender**—they are either a "he" or a "she." Luckily there's a logic behind the system: generally words that end with the sound -a are a "she," and those that don't are a "he." So "cup" (fin-gaan) is a "he," and "fork" (shoka) is a "she."

Not only are nouns gendered, but any **adjectives** that describe nouns are gendered as well. "A clean cup" is fin-gaan ni-ɒeef, but "a clean fork" is shoka ni-ɒeefa. You'll still get your point across even if you make mistakes with this, so don't worry about it too much.

Adjectives After Nouns

As you saw above with fin-gaan ni-ɒeef, **adjectives in Arabic come after the noun.** This is the opposite of English—we say "a clean cup," not "a cup clean."

Saying "the"

The word for "the" in Arabic is il (also pronounced el or al): il-fin-gaan ("the cup"). This doesn't change depending on the gender or the number of things.

Verbs in the Present Tense

English verbs are conjugated—modified slightly in form to reflect who's performing the action of the verb. English conjugation is simple, with the only change being "I/you/we/they drink" changing to "he/she drinks." Arabic verbs are **conjugated** too, but in a different way.

The table below shows a typical Arabic verb, "drink," conjugated fully in the present tense. The bits that change are shown in bold. Notice how the stress moves when the form includes an addition on the end of the verb.

SINGULAR		PLURAL	
I drink	**a**-shrab	**we drink**	**ni**-shrab
you (m.) **drink**	**ti**-shrab	**you** (pl.) **drink**	**ti**-shrab-**oo**
you (f.) **drink**	**ti**-shrab-**ee**	**they drink**	**yi**-shrab-**oo**
he drinks	**yi**-shrab		
she drinks	**ti**-shrab		

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Here you will find phrases to help you start a basic conversation in the classroom or on the road. Chapters focus on organized activities, such as:

- **Getting There**
- **Eating and Drinking**
- **Going Out**
- **Seeing the Sights**
- **Killing Time**
- **Staying Healthy**

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